

HOUSE BILL 1099

By Montgomery

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10; Title 8, Chapter 6; Title 38, Chapter 6 and Title 38, Chapter 5, relative to the legal department of the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-6-109(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (6) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(6) To give the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, comptroller of the treasury, members of the general assembly, and other state officials, when called upon, written legal opinions on all matters submitted by them in the discharge of their official duties. Written opinions issued pursuant to this subdivision (b)(6) shall be made available for public inspection. It is the legislative intent that when a request for a written legal opinion is from a member of the general assembly and concerns pending legislation, such request shall be replied to as expeditiously as possible; provided that if the attorney general is unable to reply in writing prior to any regularly scheduled committee meeting at which such pending legislation is to be heard, the attorney general, or the attorney general's designee, shall be available for comment or testimony at such committee meeting;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.